

Why hazardous waste needs risk-free management.



Hazardous waste doesn't need to be a headache but you will need to dispose of it safely and legally. There are many regulations that govern the disposal of hazardous waste which can prove a difficult to fully understand. However this document has been prepared to give you an overview and try and make it a little easier to understand.

If you're in a sector that produces significant amounts of hazardous waste, you need a separate plan-of-action to store, record and dispose of it.

Waste is designated as hazardous if it is harmful to humans or the environment and includes:

- Asbestos
- Chemicals including brake fluid or print toner
- Batteries
- Solvents
- Pesticides
- Vehicle oils
- Equipment containing ozone depleting substances such as fridges
- Hazardous waste containers

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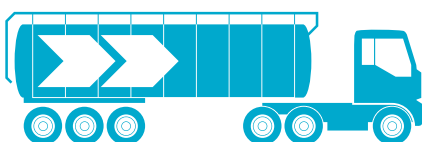
Under duty of care, you have a legal responsibility requiring you to keep waste safe, to prevent it causing pollution or harming anyone, and to dispose of it safely. [Click here to download the Duty of Care](#) and see exactly what your responsibilities are in this area.

To help identify waste considered as hazardous, visit www.environment-agency.gov.uk/business/topics/waste. This is an important first step in assessing the nature and scale of the hazardous waste you're generating, how you should be collecting and storing it, and what happens to it next.

Storing hazardous waste

You must store hazardous waste safely and securely. To do this you need to:

- Store it in sealed waterproof containers
- Label it correctly and clearly
- Display written instructions for its storage and disposal
- Keep it separate from any non-hazardous waste
- Keep different types of hazardous waste separate
- Keep liquid hazardous waste in a dedicated area, with a bund or barrier to contain leaks
- Keep records about it and where it's located
- Regularly check for leaks, deteriorating containers or other potential risks
- Assess the risks of your hazardous waste and how to control them



At FCC Environment we've developed a comprehensive industrial and hazardous waste package that takes the problem off your hands. Our three ISO 14001-accredited treatment facilities in Yorkshire, for instance, process 250,000 tonnes of liquid, solid and packaged wastes every year.

Disposing of your hazardous waste

Even small amounts of hazardous waste have to be disposed of safely and responsibly. Ensuring end-to-end traceability is required, but isn't always simple to achieve. Third-party suppliers who manage your hazardous waste disposal on your behalf need to demonstrate reliability and assured locations where the waste can be processed appropriately. So check that they have the following:

- **ISO14001 accreditation**
- **Are able to offer a detailed assessment**
- **Can offer you full compliance and documentation**
- **Have a dedicated team of technically qualified staff**
- **Know where your waste is treated so you have traceability and a solid audit trail**

The hazards of non-compliance

Non-compliance can be expensive and be damaging for your company's reputation. If you produce, hold or remove over 500kg of hazardous waste from your premises in a 12-month period that is neither registered nor exempt, you're committing an offence and may be fined up to £5,000.


Make sure:


- **You register as a hazardous waste producer – [Register here](#)**
- **Anyone collecting waste from your site is required to have your registration number.**

Taking care of your hazardous waste

You need a waste management and disposal partner who has the experience and the capabilities to manage your hazardous waste problem on your behalf, so you can concentrate on running your business.

So no matter what type of hazardous waste you need to dispose of, here at FCC Environment we can arrange a solution for you.

 To find out more see the services we offer [here](#)

 Download our best practice business guide to waste management and disposal [here](#)

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